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Remarks

Reconsideration of amended claims 17 and 18 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action dated September 12, 2003 (application Paper No. 6), the Examiner cited claims 17 and 18 as "containing allowable subject matter" if "rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims". To that end, applicants are submitting this amendment canceling all other claims and re-drafting claims 17 and 18 as separate independent claims.

Applicants believe that with this amendment the case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early and favorable response from the Examiner in that regard. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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